

Service Date: January 27, 1995

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF MONTANA) UTILITY DIVISION
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S)
Investigation into Extended Area) DOCKET NO. 94.2.5
Service.) ORDER NO. 5779b

ORDER IDENTIFYING ADDITIONAL ISSUES

1. The procedural schedule in this docket provides for the raising of additional issues. The Montana Public Service Commission has identified the additional issues described below, and requests that parties address these issues by filing written testimony pursuant to the currently effective procedural schedule.

Additional Issues

2. Are there public interest and/or economic reasons that demonstrate why a local calling area should encompass all exchanges operated by the same local exchange company (LEC) within a LATA? For example, would a PTI-like calling plan be appropriate for other LECs in Montana?

3. Are there other methods to determine optimal local calling area designations in Montana?

4. In contrast, are there public interest and/or economic reasons to maintain or even increase intraLATA MTS competition within each LEC's service territory

(including PTI's)?

5. In short, these additional issue questions ask parties to comment on the economic costs of alternative market structures for providing service within each LEC's jurisdiction as well as within a LATA in general.

DONE AND DATED this 24th day of January, 1995, by a vote of 5 to 0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

NANCY McCaffree, Chair

DAVE FISHER, Vice Chair

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kathlene M. Anderson
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.